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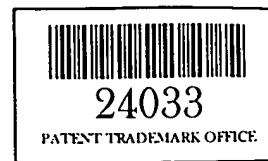
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For: **METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR ASSIGNING PRIORITIES**

Enclosed are:

7 Sheet(s) of drawings + 0 extra copies;
22 pages of Application; 15 pages of specification, 1 page of abstract
 An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation. (Will follow.)
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 Certified copy of Patent Application No. filed from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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